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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
SEARCHING FOR RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN BASE SEQUENCES IN  
GENES

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.